

Appl. No. 09/844,030
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REMARKS

In the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner divides the present application into three inventions and requires Applicant to elect one of the inventions for prosecution:

- Group I: Claims 1-17, drawn to an apparatus, classified in class 118, subclass 100;
Group II: Claims 18-24, drawn to an apparatus, classified in 118, subclass 326; and
Group III: Claims 25-39, drawn to a production line, classified in class 134, subclass 64R.

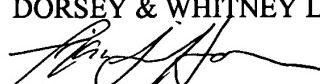
Applicant hereby elects Group I, Claims 1-17 for further prosecution.

Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 30-32 should be classified in Group I rather than in Group III since they depend from Claim 1 and recite further limitations thereof. Claim 39 should be classified in Group II rather than in Group III since it depends from Claim 18 and recites further limitations thereof.

Claims 18-29 and 33-39 are hereby withdrawn and Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications for these claims. New Claims 40-58 are added. New Claims 40-46 depend directly or indirectly from original Claim 1 and incorporate the limitations contained in original Claims 18-24. New Claim 47 is an independent claim and recites an apparatus of formation of polarizers and incorporates the limitation of original Claim 25. New Claims 48-58 depend from new Claim 47 and recite an apparatus and incorporate limitations contained in original Claims 26-29 and 33-39.

Applicant respectfully submits that the new claims are supported in original disclosure and will not unduly interfere with the Examiner's preparation of an office action. Entry of the new claims is therefore respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the number listed below if any matter can be solved by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,
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